

## THE LEVEES.

**Report of the Dangerous Condition at Salem and Wyley--The Cotton Fields of East Carroll Inundated--Easter at Lake Providence.**

Special to Commercial Herald.

**LAKE PROVIDENCE, April 26.**—The Salem levee, on the Mississippi river, eighteen miles below Lake Providence, is in a dangerous condition, in consequence of a caving bank. The caving still continues, notwithstanding the high water, and is now within forty or fifty feet of the old or main levee. Two years ago the bank in the same neighborhood caved two hundred feet after the high water had come over the bank. An overflow in that section would certainly be attended with serious results, as it would overflow eight or ten of the finest plantations now in cultivation in East Carroll, and a large portion of the threatened neighborhood have petitioned the police jury of this parish for relief and requesting them to convene to-day, which they will do, and consider the petition.

The Wyley levee, about three miles from Lake Providence, from reliable information received, is also in a threatening condition, caused by sloughing.

The river at Lake Providence is within twelve inches of being as high as in 1832 and still rising rapidly, caused by back water and heavy rains, and the back or swamp places, which escaped inundation for two years, and of which an increased acreage had been placed in cultivation during the present year, are now overflowed and crops are entirely destroyed. Several of the large plantations on Lake Providence are also affected by the back water. The rains of the past two days have almost inundated the cotton fields, which are full of water and the weather is still threatening.

The Elton levee will be completed in a few days, thus protecting that portion of the parish.

Easter Sunday was duly observed by the Catholics at Lake Providence, notwithstanding the severe rainy weather, which prevented the attendance of many. The church, however, was crowded and the congregation was composed of persons of almost every religious denomination. The decorations were exquisite, consisting of rare and beautiful flowers of almost every description and fully attested the taste displayed by the Catholic ladies. The music and singing of the choir was grand, and the sermon of Rev. Father Mahe was eloquent and instructive, and attentively listened to.

Father Mahe, our Catholic priest, will leave for Europe, accompanied by Bishop Durier, of this diocese, and will be absent five months.

The river rose at Lake Providence 23 1/2 inches in the past twenty-four hours.

## GREENVILLE.

**The Friar's Point Levee Gone and the Levee at Sunflower Landing Cut--Serious Damage Probable.**

Special to Commercial Herald.

**GREENVILLE, April 26.**—The levee on the Mississippi side is reported broken about five miles south of Friar's point. When our informant left there at an early hour this morning the gap was about fifty feet wide and five feet deep; and water was pouring through with a tremendous force. A telephone message was also received from Sunflower landing, that the levee had been cut during Sunday night at Harrison's Bayou. This will inundate all of the Sunflower country, part of Holmes county, and a small portion of the northeastern part of Washington county. Owing to severe storms that generally prevailed along the river last night telephone communication has somewhat been interrupted and further details could not be obtained to-day. The utmost vigilance is being used by the levee authorities of this district, who so far have succeeded in holding the barriers against the powerful enemy.

**Reports From All Points in the Second Levee District More Hopeful--Very Little Danger Apprehended from Any Break--An Unusual and Large Cave Occurred at Dennis Landing.**

Special to the Commercial Herald.

**GREENVILLE, Miss., April 27.**—Reports from all principal points along the levees from Sunflower Landing to Chotard, the terminus of the second district, are more hopeful today. From Concordia, Miss., all the way south to the Yazoo swamp, the levees are in such condition that but very little danger, if any, is apprehended from any break. One unusual large and unexpected cave occurred yesterday at Dennis Landing, near Australia, Miss., where about 150 yards caved off in front of the main levee, when it came to a stop at 1 o'clock this morning. It was discovered that it caved within seventy-five feet to the base of the levee, which was promptly telephoned to the levee authorities here. Preparations were at once begun and all available forces with a complete outfit were ordered to Dennis landing.

Maj. Starling, chief engineer, left

this evening with sufficient material to go to work at once, and by morning if necessary two hundred men will be ready to build a protection levee.

At this writing, 6 p.m., no cave has occurred at Dennis' since early this morning, and all reports from every direction are satisfactory.

The break at Harris bayou is said to be of no great importance. Full particulars above Sunflower we cannot obtain on account of no wire communication.

Planting operations are being pushed forward, some as usual, and the majority of planters are not afraid of any overflow.

## JACKSON.

**Supreme Court Decisions--Meeting of the Railroad Commissioners.**

Special to the Commercial Herald.

**JACKSON, April 26.**—Illinois Central railroad vs. Dodd; Collins vs. Wilson, and Illinois Central railroad vs. Jordan, were affirmed.

Illinois Central railroad vs. Haynes; Noel vs. Hooker; Kiestler vs. Vicksburg & Meridian railroad, and Rufus Gill vs. State, were reversed and remanded.

Thomas Watson vs. Henry Austin, was reversed and decree entered here.

The railroad commission met here to-day and will be in session for some time. Reports of the tariffs of railroads have been received and will be carefully considered. Commissioner J. C. Kyle has brought his family to Jackson, and will remain here until the present consideration of tariffs and other matters are completed.

**The Heavy Rains Cause a Halt in Railroad Travel.**

Special to the Commercial Herald.

**JACKSON, April 27.**—The 3:40 o'clock south bound express train, on the Illinois Central railroad, after reaching this point today, returned to Canton. The 5 o'clock north bound express is detained south of here. The heavy rains have caused a washout on Bogie Chitta creek south of Brookhaven, is the cause of detention.

**Trains Delayed on the Jackson and the Little "J." Road--Two Men Killed and Others Injured.**

Special to Commercial Herald.

**JACKSON, April 28.**—The recent heavy rains have caused considerable damage to all the railroads centering here. A wrecking train left here last night to repair a washout on the Illinois Central railroad, near Bogie Chitta. When near Montgomery station, and within ten miles of the washout, the train became derailed. Conductor George Aird and the colored fireman, Jim Bruce, were killed; John Scanlan, engineer, had his arm broken, and was otherwise injured. No trains have come through from New Orleans since Monday night. A washout also occurred on the Natchez, Jackson & Columbus railroad on the Bayou Pierre creek, causing a suspension of trains since Tuesday.

**Particulars of the Damage on the Little J. Road--Rainfall in Hinds County.**

Special to Commercial Herald.

**RAYMOND, Miss., April 28.**—Information has been received here to the effect that one span of the Bayou Pierre bridge, twenty-six miles below this place, was carried away this morning. This will be remembered as the bridge that gave way last spring, under the weight of a passenger train, and precipitated all save the rear coach, in which accident several persons were killed. The stream is a treacherous one and hard to bridge. Several creeks, almost equal in size, empty into the Bayou Pierre a short distance above the railroad crossing. During the time of heavy rains these streams rapidly fill the bayou and create a swift current, which undermines whole trees, they being carried at great speed down the channel, and coming in contact with the timbers supporting the bridge, either knock them out of plumb, or striking with greater force, carrying one or more spans with them, as has been the case two or three times in as many years. Until the damage can be repaired, which will be in a few days, passengers will be transferred, there being one engine and one coach on the Jackson side. Beyond the damage to this bridge, the road is in otherwise good condition.

The rainfall in this county was the heaviest known for years, doing much damage to bridges, fencing and newly planted crops.

**The Kentucky Manner of Punishing a Lustful Negro.**

**LOUISVILLE, April 23.**—A special today to the Times says: Meridy Jones, a notorious negro, was killed by a mob of citizens, about midnight last night near Auburn, Ky. On Monday night Jones entered the room of two respectable young ladies and tried to chloroform them. He was discovered, but made his escape. He was captured by officers, who were taking him to jail. When the mob seized Jones to hang him, he attempted to escape and was shot down. A. L. Gooch, a citizen, while remonstrating with the mob, received a severe pistol shot wound.

## DOWN A BANK.

**A Train on the Missouri Pacific Thrown from the Track--Two Men Killed and Others Wounded.**

**KANSAS CITY, April 26.**—An incoming freight train on the Missouri Pacific railway was wrecked at 4 o'clock this morning between Wyandotte and this city, near Kaw river bridge. Spikes had been removed from the rails on a curve, and when the engine approached the engine and four freight cars went off the track down a low embankment. The engine rolled over and stopped bottom side up at the water's edge. Ben Horton, fireman, and George Carlisle, brakeman, were killed outright. Engineer J. H. Fowler was thrown into the river and seriously injured. No clue as to the identity of the perpetrators of the outrage has as yet been obtained.

The scene of the wreck is about two miles from this city. The Missouri Pacific track there skirts the bluffs on which the line runs, is on the west bank of Kansas river, and passes under the street bridge which connects Wyandotte with Kansas City. Engineer Fowler says that he slackened the speed on approaching the bend of the river, keeping a sharp look out. As the train passed under the bridge it was going about six miles an hour. He saw several men in a group, apparently watching for something to happen. The engineer reached for a rifle that he carried and just then the train struck the loosened rails. He reversed his engine and jumped off, landing at the water's edge. The fireman was caught under the engine and was killed, his body being recovered at nine o'clock. The brakeman, who was on the forward car, was carried down and was also crushed to death. The wrecking train is busy clearing the track. It is reported that a man named Converse, who was among the crowd of spectators on the bluffs above the track, fell over the bluff today and was fatally injured. It is also said that three men were seen going rapidly up the track after the accident, and refusing to halt, were fired upon by the watchmen and deputies, but without effect and the fugitives made for the woods and escaped.

**The Strike in the Missouri Car Works.**

**ST. LOUIS, April 26.**—Two hundred of the striking employees of the Missouri Car and Foundry Company held a meeting yesterday, to hear the report of the committee appointed on the day before to call upon President McMillan and persuade him to accede to their demands that the company cease furnishing repair material to the Missouri Pacific railroad. The committee reported that they had called upon Mr. McMillan, but could obtain no assurance from him that their demands would be complied with. The men adjourned.

Resolutions were passed setting forth that their reasons for striking were justifiable, and that they would not return to work until their demands were granted. All of the strikers, however, were not present and those who were absent not being bound by the action of the meeting returned to their old places at the works this morning. Several new men also applied for places and they are now at work. About 250 men are at work. The president says that the management of the company will take back all of the old employees who apply for work to-day, and will employ all efficient new men who desire to enter the company's service. He says the works will be in full operation by the end of the week.

**Unprecedented Depression in the Coal Trade.**

**PITTSBURG, April 26.**—H. M. Jarwell, a prominent coal operator of the Kanawha Valley, in an interview says the depression in the coal trade of that district has never been paralleled in its history, and unless there is an improvement fully one-half of the coal producers in the Kanawha and New River districts will fail. This deplorable condition of things is attributed to Pittsburgh's competition and the use of natural gas. Notwithstanding the depression the miners are preparing to strike on May first for an advance of a half cent per bushel. They now get 2 1/2 and want 2 3/4. This they will not get, and their condition will then become a desperate one. Only 5,000 miners of all the miners of the two districts are engaged now, and with 10,000 or 15,000 out of employment there will be a very sad condition of affairs.

**Rancho Attacked by Geronimo.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.**—The Call's Guaymas, Mexico, special of this morning says Geronimo attacked a rancho near Imuris, completely destroying all the buildings at Casita, a small way station near Imuris, on the Sonora railroad, killing fifteen persons, all Mexicans. A company of soldiers were sent after them. Two soldiers were killed. The Indians were moving in the direction of Nacori, in the Sierra Madre mountains. A reign of terror prevails throughout that district.

**New Orleans Races.**  
**NEW ORLEANS, April 27.**—Cloudy and warm, fair attendance and good track.

First race, handicap, hurdle, mile and a quarter—Towabank lead from the start to the finish and was an easy winner by six lengths; Shamrock second, three lengths ahead of Hop Sing, third, beating Puritan, Aurelian and Thady; time 2:27. Thady fell at the first hurdle.

Second race, selling, usual conditions, seven furlongs—Baton Rouge led from the start to near the finish, when all were well together, resulting in dead heat between Baton Rouge and Gold Star, two lengths ahead of Brevet, third, beating Col. Montgomery, Guadalupe, Mordant and Charlie Lucas; time 1:35. The dead heat will be run off.

Third race, Pickwick stakes for three year olds, twenty-five entrance, p.p., six hundred added, one mile—J. H. Fenton led from the start, winning by three lengths, Pat Steady second, half a length ahead of Panama third, beating Henrietta, Azela, Lun Brown and Woodcraft; time 1:46 1/2.

Fourth race, handicap, mile and a quarter, won by Bob Swim by two lengths, Leroy second, a length ahead of Long Island, third; time 2:14 1/2.

In the second race, Baton Rouge was withdrawn and the Judges decided that Gold Star was first and Baton Rouge second.

The following pools, sold on tomorrow's races, show the probable starters and weights:

First race, mile and one-sixteenth, selling allowances—Juliet M., ninety-nine pounds, \$17; Ultimatum, one hundred and five, \$14; Charley Lucas, ninety-two, \$13; Leroy, ninety-eight, \$10; Girilla, ninety-nine, \$5; Dick Watts, one hundred, \$2.

Second race, mile, all ages, horses not having won a thousand dollar purse allowed seven pounds, maidens allowed fourteen pounds—Waukeba, \$10; Punka, \$10; Fletch Taylor, \$9; Restless, \$5; Ellie H., \$3; Alma, \$3; Lord Coleridge, \$2; Skobloff, \$2.

Third race, Walker handicap, mile and a quarter—Monocot, one hundred pounds, \$25; Bob Miles, one hundred and twenty-one, \$20; Rio Grande, ninety-five, \$8; Ranebal, ninety-five, \$5; Josh Billings, ninety-five, \$3.

Gentlemen's race, three quarters of a mile—Claud Brannon, \$10; Chantilly \$9; Malvolio \$9; Beechen Brook \$8; Wild Kansas \$5; Leonard \$3, all to carry one hundred and forty-five pounds, except Malvolio, who will carry one hundred and forty-eight.

**The Local Authorities Not as Idle as Supposed.**

**NEW YORK, April 27.**—It seems that the local authorities have not been so idle during the last week or ten days, in arranging to cope with a riot, as many people have supposed. Preparations have been made at most of the armories for a sudden call out, and there has been a great deal of activity behind the walls of the State arsenal at Seventh Avenue and Thirty-fifth street. The Forty-seventh regiment, of Brooklyn, was under arms the night of the riot in Green Point, and the day after. It has leaked out also that a squad of Earle's battery, whose headquarters have been in the armory of the Twelfth regiment at Broadway and Forty-sixth street, was put on duty night and day as long ago as Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The Gatling gun was transferred a night or two ago under a strong guard of police to the arsenal, and the battery has since had its rendezvous there. There is an effort on the part of the authorities to keep the whole matter quiet. The officer in charge of the arsenal says he is not allowed to give out information.

**Murder and Suicide.**

**NEW YORK, April 27.**—A special to the Herald from Galveston says: About 5 o'clock last evening two brothers, John and Edward Burke, proprietors of a grocery store, became engaged in a quarrel about a horse, in the course of which John drove his knife into the left side of Edward's throat, severing the veins and arteries and inflicting a wound of about two inches in length. John realizing the fearful crime he had committed, rushed to the store, picked up a derringer, placed the muzzle over his right eye, pulled the trigger and sent a bullet crashing into his brain, inflicting a wound from which he is now dying. Edward's wound, while regarded as extremely dangerous, it is believed will not prove fatal.

**School Building Burned.**

**MANISTEE, MICH., April 26.**—The Union school building and contents were destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning. Loss \$15,000; insurance \$21,346 on building, and on library furniture, fixtures, etc., \$8,450. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as no fire had been in the building since last Friday. Besides this is the third time the building has been on fire in the past year, the previous occasions also indicating the work of incendiaries. The roller skating rink, Methodist church basement and other available quarters are being secured by the school board to accommodate the 600 scholars and fifteen teachers that have been thrown out by the fire.

**Probable Fatal Shooting--Water News Eagerly Sought for at Yazoo City.**

Special to Commercial Herald.

**YAZOO CITY, Miss., April 28.**—Mr. S. B. Simmons, manager of the Paine Monty place twelve miles above, on Yazoo river, brought to town this morning one Jim Fae and turned him over to the sheriff. Fae became involved in a quarrel with one Jeff Carter, his half brother, yesterday evening, about a trivial matter and wound up the fracas by firing upon Carter three times, hitting him twice, causing probable fatal wounds. Fae is said to be of rather a desperate character, and figured in a shooting escapade about this time last year.

The high water is the topic on all sides and in all circles.

A special today from Friars Point to Col. Schaefer confirms the rumor of a break in the levee below that place, but describes it as small. Gen. Ricks and others deeply concerned in bottom planting are sanguine that there will be no damaging overflow, if any at all. The Jackson train was four hours late to-day, owing to Moore's cut, a few miles from Jackson, filling up from caving banks. It has been constantly raining from Sunday evening until noon today and the river rising slowly, but it is due to heavy local rains.

**New Orleans Races.**  
**NEW ORLEANS, April 28.**—Partly cloudy and warm, heavy track, attendance light.

First race, selling, usual conditions, one mile—Chantilly led to the half mile, where all were well together. Entering the stretch, Ultimatum, Nellie, Glennon and Brevet were apparently on even terms, but Ultimatum won by two lengths, beating Kensington, Beechenbrook, Nat Kramer and Chantilly; time 1:51. Guadalupe and Custer were scratched.

Second race, seven furlongs, purse of \$200—Fletch Taylor led from the start to the finish, winning by two lengths, Princess second, ten lengths ahead of Lida L., third, Montezuma fourth; time 1:36 1/2.

Third race, Boston club stakes, for two year olds, five-eighths of a mile—Jim McLaughlin won by a length, Kheder Khan second, six lengths ahead of Maggie Bowers, beating Tom Hood; time 1:07 1/2.

Fourth race, steeple chase, about a mile, the water being over one of the bridges from last night's rain the full short course was not covered. Puritan led to the third jump, where he fell, leaving Aurelian in the lead, which he held to the finish, winning by two lengths, Judge Jackson second, three lengths ahead of Shamrock, beating Termagant, Hopsing and Puritan; time 2:00. Hopsing fell at the first jump.

**Boys Strike for an Increase of Wages.**

**ST. LOUIS, April 26.**—Forty-five boys employed as helpers by the Great Western Glass Co., struck for higher wages to-day, throwing out of work seventy-five men dependent in performing their duties upon the services of the boys. The latter have no real grievances against their employers, and it is supposed that they have simply got the strike fever and will return to work soon, being informed that if they do not others will be engaged to fill their places.

**Arranging for Bail for Strikers.**

**NEW YORK, April 26.**—The strike on the Third Avenue Surface railroad still continues unchanged. Sixty cars are running to-day. The general sessions court grand jury met earlier today and had before them the cases of the men who ordered the general "tie-up" on all the Surface railroads here last week. Officers and directors of the Third Avenue road, as well as police officers, were examined as witnesses. The counsel for the strikers, visited the district attorney's office during the day and made arrangements for giving bail in case their associates were arrested.

**Discussing the Eight Hour Question.**

**ST. LOUIS, April 25.**—The contractors and builders here, to the number 150, recently organized to take some definite action upon the eight hour organization. Mr. Frederick Swaine, the chairman of the committee appointed to investigate and report upon the advisability of the adoption of the short day plan, said this morning that the builders generally had agreed to consider eight hours a day's work and to pay their employees thirty cents per hour.

**The Strike of the Car Drivers Ended.**

**BALTIMORE, April 27.**—The strike of the railway car drivers ended today, and for the first time in two weeks the cars of the Frick lines are running at night. Many of the old drivers have been taken back, but the new men will not be discharged to give places to those who struck. The pay will be \$1.65 per twelve hours work, the company refusing to give \$2 for which the strike was inaugurated.

Mr. I. BLOOMENSTEL presented to Mrs. John Meirs a handsome cake for the benefit of the Catholic fair.

## THE HELENA BREAK.

**Thrilling Scenes at the Caving Way of the Levee--Families Compelled to Climb the Roof of their Houses to Escape the Rising Water.**

**HELENA, April 28.**—The first intimation of the breaking of the levee at this place yesterday was a low rumbling sound, heard coming from the north, about four o'clock in the afternoon. No attention at first was paid to it, as it was thought it was nothing but steam escaping from some steamboat plying on the water. The whole town was electrified, however, in a short time by a man riding like mad down the streets and shouting at every jump, "the levee has broken! the levee has broken!" In an incredible short time a great stream of rushing humanity was pouring in from the direction of the break; some who live on low lands of the city to their homes, to save their families and perishable property. The break was about three fourths of a mile above town, and right back of the Helena fair grounds. At first it was not over seventy-five feet in width, but kept widening every minute. The banks of the levee at the break were soon covered with citizens from town, who stood watching the wall of water pour through the crevasses with feelings of awe. In the northern portion of town, there is another levee that makes from the levee at the river straight to the hills immediately west of the city, which will for the present act as a barrier and temporarily keep the water out of the business portion of the city, but between this levee and the break there are fully two hundred dwelling houses, the majority of them being one story high. Before skiffs could be got to them the rise was so rapid that the occupants had to climb on the top of their houses to keep from getting drowned. It is reported that a colored man and wife, who remained in their house with the hope of saving their effects, were drowned. The river is eleven inches higher than ever before known. There is still water in Sunklands and St. Francis river, the latter still continuing to rise at the rate of about one inch an hour at the cut off, the effect of which will be to raise the river fully ten inches higher than it is, which of course means one of the greatest calamities that ever befell the great cotton growing districts of the Mississippi valley, comprising Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana—an incalculable amount of rich and prolific country.

**The Latest from Helena.**

**HELENA, April 28.**—River rose one tenth of a foot in the past twenty-four hours to one p.m. today, and is now seven-tenths of a foot above 1832. Both St. Francis and Mississippi rivers now on a stand; as was expected there was a general break up in Arkansas levees from break on the Robb place, ten miles below here, down to where the levee ends at Old Town, a distance of twenty miles. All efforts to hold the remaining parts of the levee from the Robb crevasse south has been abandoned, and the water is now sweeping through in numerous places, ranging from 100 feet to half mile wide. E. P. Pillow, president of the levee board, has just arrived from the Robb crevasse, and says he thinks the levee from Helena to the crevasses will stand, but that every acre of land subject to overflow from Helena to Laconia, will be inundated from the river and backwater. Backwater is now coming into the city slowly, but it will probably only fill the ditches. The steamer Kate Adams passed up at 5 p.m., from Arkansas City. Her officers report all the Mississippi levees intact, with the exception of two small breaks below Friar's Point. All live stock was moved out of the Arkansas bottoms without loss.

The track of the Iron Mountain railroad is ten inches under water in places between Helena and Marianna.

**A Break in the Levee just Below Austin, Miss.**

**MEMPHIS, April 27.**—At 7:30 o'clock tonight, the levee just below Austin, Miss., on the east bank of the Mississippi river, 42 miles south of Memphis, broke. The break occurred in the fifteen foot high levee, three-fourths of a mile south of Austin. A force of men were employed at the time strengthening it, but when it broke they ceased work. The water that will pour through this break will find its way into Beaver Dam, Yazoo Pass, Hull's Break and White Oak Bayou. It is feared that portions of Tunica, Coahoma, Quitman and Sunflower counties will suffer, which, if the worst is realized, will cause serious loss to farmers, who have already planted their crops. The break was ten feet wide when the message was sent, immediately after it happened, and nothing later can be ascertained tonight.

Austin is three miles from the nearest telegraph station.

Dr. Pierce's "Pelllets"—the original "Little Liver Pills" (sugar-coated)—cure sick and bilious heads, sour stomach, and bilious attacks. By druggists.

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